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SUBJECT: CHILE: MILGP REQUEST FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR
THE STRATEGY AND DEFENSE POLICY COURSE

REF: A. COMSOC SOUTH 071600Z NOV 05

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11. This is an action request. See paragraphs 2 and 3.

12. Action request: Embassy requests the Department assist in conducting a Leahy Amendment Human Rights review, as well as a general name check of the following Chilean candidate who has been nominated for training in the U.S., pursuant to the Leahy Act and Foreign Assistance Act. Please transmit the results of such, including information not strictly covered by the Leahy Amendment, to Embassy.

13. The proposed training is the Strategy and Defense Policy Course, sponsored and taught at the U.S. Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies (CHDS) in Washington, D.C., October 16 through November 3, 2006. The Chilean candidate has been invited to participate as a Guest Instructor. The name and identifying information of the proposed candidate appears in the following format: Name, unit, date of birth, place of birth and national identification number.

a. Ivan Witker Barra, Chilean National Academy of Strategic and Political Studies, 01 Feb 1957, Concepcion, 7715609-7

14. Embassy has conducted its own review and did not find credible information that the candidate has been involved in gross human rights violations.

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